

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 4  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**Date:** Thursday, October 09, 2003

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**To:** Don Rigger, USEP R4

**Subject:** Initial and Final Pollution Report  
Culp Petroleum Fire  
1350 E. Main Street, Rockhill, SC

<b>POLREP No.:</b>	1	<b>Site #:</b>	493
<b>Reporting Period:</b>	10/08-09/2003	<b>D.O. #:</b>	
<b>Start Date:</b>		<b>Response Authority:</b>	OPA
<b>Mob Date:</b>	10/8/2003	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Completion Date:</b>		<b>NPL Status:</b>	Non NPL
<b>CERCLIS ID #:</b>		<b>Incident Category:</b>	
<b>RCRIS ID #:</b>		<b>Contract #</b>	
<b>Federal Project #</b>		<b>Reimbursable Account #</b>	

#### **Site Description**

The Culp Petroleum Co. is a fuel distributor located in Rock Hill, SC. The company handles diesel, gasoline and used oil. On 08OCT03, EPA phone duty officer received NRC report 701951 pertaining to a tank farm fire. The SCDHEC representative requested EPA assistance and an OSC was dispatched to investigate. Preliminary investigation from local police indicates that a man driving a pickup truck suffered a medical problem, ran through the Culp Petroleum Co. property's fence and into the facility's loading rack. The loading rack caught on fire. The driver was able not to be hurt, but was taken to an area hospital for observation. It is not believed that the incident was done on purpose.

Five fire departments, including the Charlotte Airport, Fire Department responded to the fire. The Charlotte Fire Department brought a foam truck to put out the fire. A shopping center and several businesses in the area were evacuated. There is a propane distributor in close proximity to the burning facility, so the fire department had to use water to keep several fuel tanks cool.

Approximately 49,000 gallons of product were released. No runoff or fuel left the site. The responsible party dug a trench and a retention pond in order to collect any runoff from the fire and incoming rain.

#### **Current Activities**

The Culp Petroleum Co. hired an environmental contractor to recover product and water. The product/water mix is being sent to a disposal facility in Charlotte, NC.

#### **Planned Removal Actions**

EPA will not conduct a removal action. SCDHEC will monitor the soil clean up.

**Next Steps**

None

**Key Issues**

No terroristic evidence.

**Estimated Costs \***

	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>Remaining</b>	<b>% Remaining</b>
<b>Extramural Costs</b>				
<b>Intramural Costs</b>				
USEPA - Direct (Region, HQ)	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	100.00%
<b>Total Site Costs</b>	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	100.00%

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

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